

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

Academic Calendar 2016–2017

Autumn Term 2016

August	
15 and 16	1 st year JD Registration & Orientation
16	LLM Registration & Orientation
17-September 2	1 st year JD classes in <i>Legal Methods (LM)</i> and in <i>Legal Practice Workshop (LPW)</i> . <i>LPW</i> continues throughout the fall term). <i>Legal Methods</i> final exam on Sept. 23
17-September 2	Classes in LLM <i>Introduction to American Law (IAL)</i> and in <i>Legal Research & Writing (LRW)</i> . LLM <i>LRW</i> continues throughout the fall term). <i>IAL</i> final exam on Sept. 23
29	Start of Change of Program Period (Add/Drop) - only voluntary changes until Sept. 6
September	
1	October 2016 Degree Candidates: Deadline to submit outstanding 2015-16 written work granted an extension
2	End of classes in 1L <i>Legal Methods</i> and LLM <i>Introduction to American Law (IAL)</i>
5	Labor Day - No classes
6 (Tuesday)	First day of classes in term-long Law courses. First day of classes at other divisions of the University.
6-13	Law School Change of Program Period (Add/Drop) continues; action required on wait-list notifications
13	End of Law School Change of Program Period; after this date changes only with permission of the Rules Committee, upon petition
13	3L's: Deadline to register for Major Writing Credit
22	<i>Legal Methods</i> Study Day – No 1L classes
23	Final exams for 1L <i>Legal Methods</i> and LLM <i>Introduction to American Law</i>
30	LLM Writing Project registration deadline for fall term writing projects
October	
1	October 2016 LLM Degree Candidates: Last day to file final copy of LLM Essay with Graduate Legal Studies
15	Final date to drop a Fall 2016 Law course (the notation of W will be recorded for these late drops)
15	Final date to submit outstanding 2015-16 written work that was granted an extension (Grades due by Nov. 15)
19	Conferral of October degrees
November	
24-25	Thanksgiving Holiday - No Classes
December	
1	May 2017 Degree Candidates: Degree applications due
2 (Friday)	Last day of 1L classes
3-8	1L study period (1L Exams Dec. 9-21)
9-21	1L exams
9 (Friday)	Last day of upper-year Law classes
10-11	Upper-year study days (Upper-year Exams Dec. 12-21)
12	Last day of classes at other divisions of the University
12-21	Upper-year exams
21	Fall 2016 term ends; due date for submission of Fall 2016 written work
31	February 2017 Degree Candidates: Deadline to submit outstanding written work; last day to file final copy of LLM Essay with Graduate Legal Studies

Spring Term 2017

January	
9	Start of Change of Program Period (Add/Drop) - only voluntary changes until January 17
13	Fall 2016 grades due
16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed - No Classes
17 (Tuesday)	First day of all Law School classes. First day of classes at other divisions of the University
17-24	Law School Change of Program Period (Add/Drop) continues; action required on wait-list notification
24	End of Law School Change of Program Period; after this date changes only with permission of the Rules Committee, upon petition
24	3L's: Deadline to register for Minor Writing Credit
February	
1	3L's: Deadline to submit first draft of Major Writing Credit paper
1	LLM Writing Project registration deadline for spring term writing projects
8	Conferral of February 2017 degrees
15	Final date to drop a Spring 2017 Law course (the notation of W will be recorded for these late drops)
March	
13-17	Spring Recess - No Classes
April	
1	3L's: Deadline to submit final draft of Major Writing Credit paper
1	All students: Deadline to submit all outstanding Fall 2016 written work that was granted an extension
26 (Wednesday)	Last day of Law School classes
26	May 2017 Degree Candidates (JD & LLM): Deadline to submit all outstanding Spring 2017 written work
26	May 2017 LLM Degree Candidates: Last day to file final copy of LLM Essay with Graduate Legal Studies
27-30	Upper-year study period (Exams May 1-12)
27-May 1	1L study period (Exams May 2-12)
May	
1	Last day of classes at other divisions of the University
1-12	Upper-year exams
2-12	1L exams
12	Last day of exams for all Law courses
12	Continuing students: Due date for submission of Spring 2017 written work
12	Grades due for May 2017 degree candidates
12	Spring 2017 term ends
17 (Wednesday)	University Commencement & Degree Conferral
18 (Thursday)	Law School Graduation Ceremony – 10:30 am-1:00 pm, South Lawn, Morningside Campus
June	
15	Spring 2017 grades due for continuing students